The Revolution had, in fact been started without his knowledge, directed without his presence or advice, and would have ended without his active participation, or any suggestion that he was the " Father" of the movement, had he not arrived at a moment when it suited the real leaders to have a figurehead, as a foil to Yuan Shih-kai.

There were various reasons why it was extremely unlikely that he could under any circumstances have secured the permanent Presidency. For one thing he was a professing Christian, though that did not prevent him from the theatrical sacrificial offerings at the Ming Tombs. For another, the Northern, and only well-disciplined Armies in China, were of Yuan Shih-kai's creation, and all of the senior posts were held by men who had been his subordinates when he was training the first units at Hsiakan. Finally, Sun has spent most of his adult life abroad. His name was only known in China to members of the *Tung Meng Hui,* or secret societies working in association with them. He was, in fact, more notorious abroad than within China. Few if any references to him will be found in the foreign or Chinese newspapers in China after the sensation created by the kidnapping incident in London, had died down. It was mainly to im-press foreign opinion, when the

details of that incident were recalled by the European and American Press, that he was pitchforked into the Provisional Presidency under conditions that made it quite plain that it was not leadership, but a figurehead, that was required for the moment.